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## CONVICTS SCORCHED.

Burning of the Minnesota Penitentiary at Stillwater.

The Conduct of the Prisoners—Loss Estimated at \$50,000.

### THE YOUNGER BROTHERS.

Minneapolis, Minn., January 26.—Early this morning a fire broke out in the state Prison at Stillwater, and in spite of all efforts all the buildings were destroyed. All prisoners including the Younger brothers, were taken out and placed under a strong guard in the yard. The loss is probably half a million. The fire caught in the basement of the State Penitentiary at 11:45 last night and was first

DISCOVERED BY A PEDESTRIAN, who failed to attract the attention of the guards and ran down town and turned on an alarm. The fire caught under the main office of the car company and when the department arrived it was impossible to do any effective work on account of the dense smoke. At one o'clock it became evident the prison in the rear of the office was doomed, and Company K, of the STATE MILITIA WAS CALLED TO ASSIST

in removing the convicts. About 3:20 all were shackled together by means of long fine chains, and removed to different points of the prison grounds. The fire spread with remarkable rapidity, starting at the east end of the prison soon reached the warden's office and rooms occupied by the guards. It then spread to the offices of the Northwestern Car company, the entire front part of the building being a mass of flames. From the office of the car company the fire spread to the kitchen and eating room of the prison adjoining, in which was situated the chapel. All the above named

DEPARTMENTS WERE GUTTED. Part of the buildings where the fire started was composed of considerable wood work which afforded means of transmitting the flames to the cell department of the prison which was capped by a wooden cornice. The cells proper are fire proof, and had it not been for the difficulty alluded to, the fire could have been confined to the front or office part of the building. The CONVICTS WERE TRANSFERRED WITH LITTLE TROUBLE.

and are now under guard. How the fire started is shrouded in mystery. Loss, about \$50,000, all owned by the state, and partially covered by insurance. When the fire first started, Chiet Joey, of Stillwater, went into the burning structure and had a narrow escape from death. He was caught in the office of the car company and overpowered with smoke, and while in this condition some one from the outside turned a stream of water in the room which knocked him down and put out his light. He was

DISCOVERED ALMOST SUFFOCATED, and dragged from the building more dead than alive. A fortunate feature consists in saving of all the private and personal papers of Senator Sabin. They were all saved intact.

The fire was marked by an act of great heroism on the part of George P. Dodd, of the Stillwater company. Immediately after the convicts had been removed, a cry was raised that A MAN WAS CONFINED IN CELL NO. 22.

The crowd stood aghast at the horrible fate in store for the poor wretch and many faces turned in the direction of the cell occupied by the apparently doomed man. But Dodd rushed into the building and was lost to view in a column of blinding smoke. In less time than it can be recorded he had reached the cell of the convict, who proved to be a new man

in the prison, and in a few minutes he returned bearing the convict. The smouldering walls of the penitentiary reveal the devastation of the second conflagration. The city is full of people.

### THE CONVICTS

are behaving well and are comfortably housed in an adjoining foundry with plenty to eat and are thoroughly guarded by militia men. It will be some time before the buildings destroyed can be rebuilt and made tenable and in the interim some disposition must be made of the convicts. Gov. Hubbard who is on the ground has telegraphed to Minneapolis and St. Paul asking how many the county jails of the two cities can accommodate, and also to the state prison of Wisconsin, at Waupaw, to make arrangements for the

INCARCERATION OF THE YOUNGERS and other important convicts as the county jails, usually of logs, are untrustworthy.

Washington county jail has accommodations for twelve only, and the question as to what disposition can be made of the convicts is a puzzling one. All parties at all interested are working together harmoniously and with dispatch. The insurance policies are locked up in a burned vault and are now not accessible.

Thirty-two persons were brought to this city this morning and temporarily lodged in the county jail until a new prison can be built. It has been learned that one prisoner was burned to death and as the records of the prison are lost they cannot tell his name. Twenty prisoners were taken to St. Paul, five to Hastings and thirteen to Winona.



SEN. GEORGE F. EDMUNDS.

### Re-Elected Vice-President Pro Tem of the Senate.

Geo. F. Edmunds, the subject of our sketch this week, was re-elected as President pro tem of the senate on the fourteenth inst. after Senator Anthony of Rhode Island had been elected and had declined because of continued ill health.

Mr. Edmunds, of Burlington was born at Richmond, Vermont February 1, 1828. His education consisted only of that afforded by the public schools, after graduating from which he began the study of law and at an early age became a practitioner of considerable ability. He soon drifted into politics, and successfully as he was elected a member of the Vermont Legislature in 1854, '55, '56, '57, '58, and '59, serving three years as Speaker. He was then elected to the State Senate and was its presiding officer pro tempore, in 1861 and '62. Soon after this Hon. Solomon Foote, one of the U. S. Senators from Vermont died and Mr. Edmunds was appointed to fill the vacancy and he took his seat April 5, 1866.

Mr. Edmunds has since been continued in the senate, his present term which expires March 3rd, 1887 being his fourth election. He was a member of the Electoral Commission of 1876 and was first elected President Pro tem of the Senate immediately after the resignation of David Davis, last year.

Senator Edmunds is a fine Parliamentarian, his rulings while in the chair being unbiased by any political preferences he may entertain as a Republican. He is well liked by all Senators, and graces his position with all the dignity and ability becoming the Vice President of the United States.

## OUR FIVE CENT COLUMN.

All local advertisements in this column will be charged for at the rate of five cents per line for each insertion.

### Valentines.

Now is the time to get your Valentines for Maynard at the Post-Office has just received the finest assortment ever brought to Butler.

### Voice Culture.

Having been urged by many of my young friends to give them music lessons, I have determined to teach a class the present winter in voice culture. Parties desiring lessons will be given terms on application. MRS. C. T. MCFARLAND.

Valentines from 1 cent to 75 cents at Maynards North Main St. Butler.

### Farm For Sale or Rent.

I have a small farm of 80 acres three miles north of Butler, on the railroad, to sell on easy terms, or rent for cash. Address, Z. M. GREENSTREET. 94t. Louisburg, Miami county, Kan.

### Bronze Turkeys For Sale.

I have been a breeder for 12 or 14 years. I know them to be pure, they are the most valuable of any breed known, have some choice gobblers and hens for sale, price, \$2.50 for gobblers and \$2.00 for hens, delivered on cars. Those wanting would do well to call and get them soon, a less price taken, from the house. WESLEY WARNOCK.

8-4t. Butler Mo.

### Money to Loan.

I am authorized to loan a large amount of money on Bates county real estate. Good men with good real estate can be accommodated on very favorable terms. W. E. WALTON, at Butler National Bank, 52-4t.

### Undertaker.

A complete stock of caskets, coffins, metallic cases, burial robes etc., at Walton's Opera House Furniture store. Fine hearse furnished free. Experienced undertaker in store day and night. 2-4t. E. D. KIPP, salesman.

### Ink That Will Not Freeze.

On receipt of 25 cents in 2c postage stamps, we will send by mail, all charges pre-paid, one quart of the finest Black, Blue or Scarlet Ink, unchanging colors, which will not injure by freezing; 5 quarts for \$1.00. Ink has been in use for years, and warranted best. 8-4t. N. M. DRAKE & CO. 211 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, Mo.

### Money To Loan.

At 6 per cent on real estate security time and terms to suit borrower. Abstracts of titles furnished. J. M. Tucker & Co Butler Mo. 5-11

### Fred Dora Barber

Will give you a neat shave, shampoo or hair-cut. He keeps none but experienced barbers. Will also grind razors. Satisfaction guaranteed. Rooms north side square

### Cards.

Aesthetics, (4 designs.) Something good mailed on receipt of 6 cents in stamps. Hearne & Co. P. O. Box 1487, N. Y.

### County Maps For Sale.

We have five late county maps for sale \$2.00 each. TIMES OFFICE 28t

### For a Clean Shave

Go to Crouch Bros. shop, near southwest corner of the square. They have a neat, comfortable room. 35-

### Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue and authority of a special execution, issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Bates county, Missouri, returnable at the February term, 1884, of said court, and to me directed in favor of Henry Taylor and against John Shearer, I have levied and seized upon all the right, title, interest and claim of the said defendant John Shearer, of, in and to the following described real estate, situated in Bates county, Missouri, to-wit:

The undivided one half of the southwest quarter of section 7, in township 38, of range 31, in Bates county, Missouri and the undivided half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 4, in township 39, range 30, all in Bates county, Missouri, and I will on

Thursday, February 7th, 1884, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Butler, Bates county, Missouri, sell the same, or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, for cash to satisfy said execution and cost. W. F. HANKS, Sheriff of Bates county.

## DOWN --- THEY --- GO.

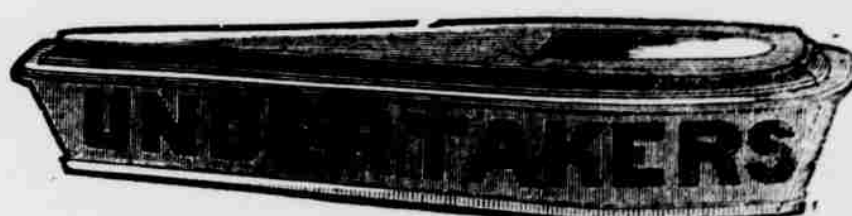
Have just received a car load of BEDSTEADS which we have bought FOR CASH at prices WAY DWN, and for the

## Next Thirty Days

we make the following reductions, viz:

Bedsteads, former price,	\$3.00 down to \$2.75.	Bedsteads, former price \$3.50 down to \$3.00
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And everything in stock guaranteed to be sold at a big bargain. Call early and be convinced.



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WM. E. WALTON,

Opera House Building, Butler, Mo.

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AT BUTLER, AND OF  
**McFARLAND BROTHERS & MILLS.**  
**WALNUT CITY,**  
IN SYNDICATE BLOCK.

## A GIFT VALUED AT \$25.

A beautiful imported moss rose china tea set will be given away with one box of matchless baking powder to the person drawing the lucky number placed opposite his or her name. The Tea Set consists of 56 pieces. Baking Powder warranted equal in quality to the best in the market. No Humbug, Call and see it.

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**HIGH PRICES.**  
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